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SUB: TEXT OF TRI QUANG COMMUNIQUE

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1. FOLLOWING IS EMBASSY TRANSLATION OF COMMUNIQUE ISSUED SEPTEMBER 25 BY DE FACTO AN QUANG BUDDHIST LEADER THICH TRI QUANG.

2. BEGIN TEXT: THICH TRI QUANG'S COMMUNIQUE. IN MY COMMUNIQUE OF MAY 25, 1971 I AFFIRMED THAT PERSONALLY I WOULD NOT BECOME INVOLVED IN THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS BECAUSE I JUDGED THAT THIS ELECTION DOES NOT HAVE DECISIVE VALUE FOR PEACE. I CONTINUE TO BELIEVE THAT UNTIL NOW PEACE CAN ONLY BE ACHIEVED THROUGH THE EFFORTS OF THE VARIOUS FACTIONS OF THE VIETNAMESE PEOPLE WHO THINK OF THE FATHERLAND AND THE NATION AND WHO TOGETHER SEEK MEANS TO ARRIVE AT AN AGREEMENT IN ACCORD WITH REASON AND SENTIMENT.

3. I MYSELF STILL BELIEVE THAT FROM WHAT HAS HAPPENED

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OVER THE LAST THREE MONTHS THERE IS EVEN MORE REASON FOR THE ABOVE ATTITUDE OF NON-INVOLVEMENT. IF AN ELECTION WITH TWO SLATES ABOUT TO DECLARE THEIR CANDIDACIES DID NOT APPEAR TO HAVE A DECISIVE VALUE FOR PEACE, THEN ELECTION NOW WITH ONLY ONE SLATE HAS EVEN LESS.

ACCORDINGLY I HAVE DECIDED NOT TO VOTE IN THE FORTHCOMING PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION.

OUR PEOPLE HAVE SUFFERED TOO MUCH. BUT OUR PEOPLE ARE INTELLIGENT AND HEROIC. THIS VERY TRADITION OF HEROISM HAS HELPED OUR FATHERLAND SO TO STRUGGLE THAT THE WORLD HAS BEEN STRUCK WITH ADMIRATION. BUT OUR HISTORY HAS SHOWN THAT INTELLIGENCE IS ALSO OUR CUSTOM. I DEEPLY BELIEVE THAT EVERY FACTION OF OUR PEOPLE WILL USE ITS INTELLIGENCE TO AVOID THE MERCENARY CONSPIRACIES OF STRONG COUNTRIES. WHEN THESE COUNTRIES FIGHT OUR FATHERLAND IS VICTIMIZED; WHEN THEY HAVE RELATIONS WITH ONE ANOTHER, THE FACTIONS OF MY COUNTRY WILL HAVE DIFFICULTY IN AVOIDING THEIR SCHEMES. THEIR CONSPIRACIES CAN BE AVOIDED ONLY IF THE FACTIONS OF OUR FATHERLAND USE THEIR TRADITIONAL INTELLIGENCE AND TOGETHER ACHIEVE PEACE. THEN THE ENTIRE WORLD WILL BE STRUCK WITH EVEN GREATER ADMIRATION. END TEXT BUNKER

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